

# Alliance

AN ETHNIC NEWSPAPER AT KSU

Fall 1986

## PROMISED LAND ON THE SOLOMON: BLACK SETTLEMENT AT NICODEMUS, KANSAS



## HISPANIC YOUTH TOLD: "REJECT REJECTION"

Kansas State University hosted the Kansas Hispanic Youth Leadership Symposium "Meeting the Challenge" October 22, 1986. The all-day event attracted 400 high school and junior college students from throughout the state.

Keynote speaker for the event was Samuel Betances from Northern Illinois University. Betances' message to the young Hispanics was to "reject rejection" from a society that says you are a "problem." Don't buy into a strategy meant to disempower you, he said.

Betances showed the group a film that referred to the Hispanic high school drop out rate as a "problem," while calling a greater drop out rate among Whites simply a "rate." He said the society calls the Hispanic rate a problem because there are fewer jobs available for Hispanics.

He urged the students to maintain their self-esteem and not to allow society to say they are "the problem," when their status actually reflects a societal problem.

In addition to Betances' keynote address, workshops were



Samuel Betances

presented by a variety of professionals from around the state on such topics as public administration, law, social services, education, civil service, architecture, military careers, and office management.

The purpose of the symposium was to encourage participation in post-secondary education and to provide an opportunity for students to visit with role models from different career paths.

## Big Eight Minority Network Formed

"The challenge to minority affairs personnel working in higher education is to be a part of the planning forces that are preparing for the 1990's," said Veryl Switzer, KSU assistant vice president for educational and student services, at the first annual Big 8 Conference of minority programming personnel in August.

"The Big Eight Connection: Networking for Effective Minority Affairs Programming," met at the University of Kansas to discuss issues considered most pressing to minority administrators around the region, among them: faculty and staff recruitment (is affirmative action working?), academic support services (are they retaining more students or just delaying the inevitable?), funding sources, cultural enrichment programming

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## NICODEMUS BOOK PUBLISHED

"In September of 1877, 350 weary black emigrants, recruited from Lexington, Kentucky, arrived at a preselected destination in northwestern Kansas. In stark contrast to the wooded mountains of their native Kentucky, they found a forbidding and treeless stretch of Great Plains along the Solomon River. Disheartened, some 60 families immediately returned eastward in search of more familiar surroundings and better economic prospects. Yet, most remained, and despite hardship, helped establish Nicodemus, Kansas, one of the oldest and most famous black towns in the Middle West." In 1976, Nicodemus was designated by the U.S. Department of Interior as a national historic landmark.

Thus begins a new book, Promised Land On The Solomon: Black Settlement at Nicodemus, Kansas, released this past summer by the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior.

The 133-page saga of Nicodemus has been anticipated by the Office of Minority Affairs staff for almost two years. During this time, writers and researchers, Everett and La Barbara W. Fly visited K-State many times to consult with Veryl Switzer, assistant vice president for educational and student services, whose family farm is in the Nicodemus community.

Promised Land On The Solomon was co-sponsored by the U.S. National Park Services, the Kansas State Historical Society, Kansas State University's College of Architecture and Design, and Entourage, Inc., which is directed by Everett and La Barbara Fly of San Antonio, Texas.

"The founding of Nicodemus by black freed men and women symbolized the pioneering spirit of a black people searching for freedom in the "Promised Land," Switzer said. The historical preservation project was the first of its kind conducted in a joint effort. I considered the work essential if we were to preserve the rich history of Nicodemus for all of us, our children and our children's children to share," Switzer said. The project was an overwhelming success in depicting the realism of a past dream."



Gerardo Cosme, senior in electrical engineering, Juan Rosa, Harold Martinez, senior in pre-dentistry, Jamie Lopez, sophomore in pre-vet, and Pedro Cintron, junior in biology and PRSO president visit in the KSU Union between classes. There are between 180 and 200 KSU students from Puerto Rico this fall.

## From Farrell

### Ethnic Exhibits Available

An exhibit featuring the sacred circles of the Plains Indian People has been featured this summer and fall in the Minorities Resource/Research Center on the fourth floor of Farrell Library. Colorful paintings of the 12 sacred shields of the Cheyenne, the Crow and the Sioux which illustrated Hyemeyohsts Storm's book, Seven Arrows, were highlighted.

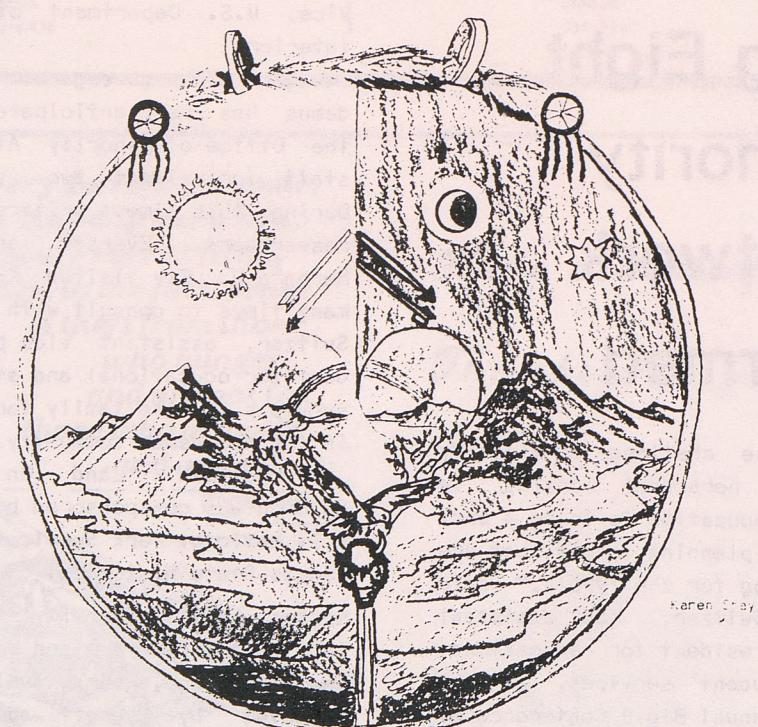
"There were originally Twelve Sacred Shields," Storm said in Seven Arrows. "At the time of the annual Renewal these Twelve Sacred Shields were brought together, and placed inside the Twelve Forked Poles which formed the outer circle of the Sun Dance Lodge, the People's Lodge...At any one time there could only be Twelve...Keepers of the Shields

of Light. They were the Healers, Diviners, and Teachers. It was they who carried the Sacred Shields from camp to camp, and Tribe to Tribe."

"I once asked my Father...about the Shields," Storm said. He answered, 'Over the Earth there are Twelve Great Tribes. Two of these Peoples are the Indian Peoples of the Earth. The Other Ten are the

Other People of the Earth. These Twelve Peoples are the Sacred Shields."

This exhibit--along with many other exhibits and programs concerning ethnic minority peoples--are available for viewing and for use by persons or groups through the loan program of Minorities Resource/Research Center.



### Multicultural Festival Begins

The Minorities Center in Farrell Library announced the creation of a "Multicultural Festival" program this fall. It is designed to acquaint the KSU and Manhattan communities with the diversity and range of the Center's offerings.

The series began in September with the showing of "El Norte," an acclaimed film about the struggles of a brother and sister from Guatemala seeking a better life in Los Angeles. The film commemorated National Hispanic Week. And in October, the

American Indian film "Forty-Seven Cents" was shown.

Vincent Bly, storyteller, is scheduled for November; and the film "Martin Luther King, Jr.: From Montgomery to Memphis" is scheduled for January. There will be more -- so watch for announcements.

Dates and times of all events will be advertised on campus. For more information, contact Antonia Pigno, Minorities Resource/Research Center, Farrell Library.

## Big 8

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and the lead-off session, "Minority Affairs Programs: Are They Viable Entities in the 1990's and Beyond?" presented by Switzer and George Jackson from Iowa State.

Switzer told the gathering from Nebraska, Colorado, Missouri, Oklahoma, Iowa, and Kansas that because of federal budget cuts and altered priorities in higher education, attention and support for minority programming is decreasing. "While many states have implemented higher education initiatives and are picking up the slack in federal support, I ask you, my friends, what have we done lately in the Big 8 schools?" Switzer asked.

Many states, Illinois, Connecticut, Michigan, New Jersey, California and in the Big 8, Colorado, among them, have recognized the necessity of recruiting and retaining more minority students in the future instead of fewer, Switzer said. He quoted population statistics from within the U.S. society in general and the educational system specifically showing that we can anticipate significantly increased numbers of minorities, women and older people seeking higher education in the next decade. At the same time, he said, projected trends show decreasing numbers of so-called traditional students.

Switzer said this fact alone should make it imperative for the survival of colleges and universities that they refocus existing programs and begin to focus new ones to better meet the needs of these "non-traditional" students.

"The first step minority affairs programs must take towards the goal of becoming viable entities within the university is simply becoming visible," Switzer said. "We need to be visible advocates for minority program development and be able to demonstrate needs with a strong data base."

"I believe the time is here when we all must stand up and become active in new initiatives in higher education," Switzer told the group. He urged the group not to wait for someone else to "become our champion."

"We must become champions of our own needs," he said. "And champions doing nothing are their own worst enemies."

## Alliance News

Alliance is being published on an abbreviated schedule during the 1986/87 academic year. (We are "belt-tightening" again.) There will be a fall, winter, spring and summer issue.

If you have articles for publication or events to announce, please drop them by the Alliance office, 206E Holton Hall or call 532-6436 as soon as possible. The winter issue deadline is November 18, 1986.

## Academic Help

This fall fifteen students are employed by the Educational Supportive Services program to assist other students in such courses as intermediate algebra, calculus, chemistry, biology, physics, economics, accounting, statistics, psychology, English and history, according to Kathy Greene, academic services coordinator and ESS assistant program director.

"Besides providing specific course help, ESS tutors also are trained to focus on getting students more actively involved in their own learning," Greene said.

Encouraging students to be more active in the learning process is accomplished by providing students with learning techniques that enable them to find answers and ask questions more efficiently, Greene said. This approach removes the expectation that tutors will simply answer all of the specific questions and replace it with a way to answer questions when a tutor is not around, she said.



ESS staff members, Greene, Silliman, Nikravan, McCauley, Switzer (seated).

The "Learning to Learn" system, as it is called, allows tutors to work with more students and it helps students become independent learners, Greene said. Researchers from the University of Michigan, Boston College, and other institutions, have found the Learning to Learn system to be highly successful, Greene said. This year, for the first time, it is being used at K-State in the Study Skills classes taught by ESS staff members.

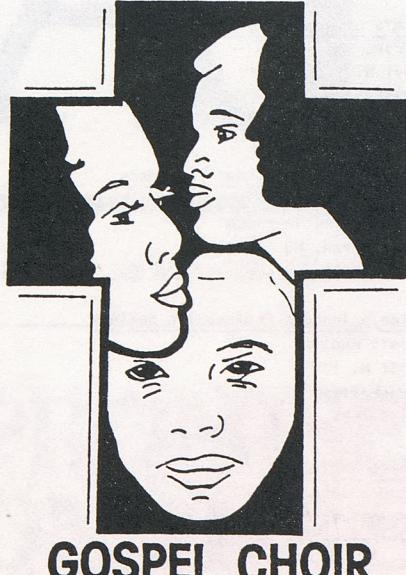
Staff members to contact for tutoring and other ESS services are Kathy Greene, Ben Silliman, Dr. Shahla Nikravan,

Lori Switzer, and Laurie McCauley, or Anne Butler, ESS program director.

K-State's federally-funded ESS program provides tutorial services and other kinds of support for about 350 KSU students each year. To qualify for the program, students must meet federal eligibility requirements, but Greene said any students having difficulty with class work may contact the ESS office (Holton Hall 205, 532-5642).

"We can either help, or refer students to someone else," she said.

## UNITED BLACK VOICES



### GOSPEL CHOIR

Come and magnify the LORD with us  
and let us exalt HIS name together  
KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

If you have any further questions  
about the choir, write the following  
address:

ATTN: United Black Voices  
Office Of Minority Affairs  
and Special Programs  
201 Holton Hall  
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Forty members of the KSU United Black Voices (UBV) choir used their songs to celebrate the Lord at the Second Annual Gospel Extravaganza at KSU on Sunday, October 19. The K-State

student choir was joined by the Kansas University Inspirational Voices Gospel Choir from Lawrence, the Iowa State University Choir from Ames, and a member of the Voices of Truth Choir from Fort Riley.

"Often black slaves would sing of going to heaven and leaving their world of bondage and suffering," said Joe Walker, senior in electrical engineering and master of ceremonies for the programs. "Since that time, gospel has inspired blues, jazz, country, soul, and even rock. Gospel music touches the heart, soul, and mind of men," Walker said.

UBV is an independent student organization not funded by the University or student fees. One purpose behind Sunday's program was to raise money through donations for its continued existence. The choir needs money for uniforms and, also, to pay transportation expenses to performances.

The UBV choir was organized at K-State in 1968 when members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. decided it was time to expose the University and surrounding community to the richness of black music. During the past 18 years, K-State's United Black Voices gospel choir has traveled nationwide, appeared on television and cut a record.

Students wanting to join the choir or anyone wanting to donate to its future may contact Joe Walker through the Office of Minority Affairs and Special Programs, Holton Hall, KSU (532-6436). (Abridged from a story by Amy Greene)

## "UFM" ALTERNATIVE

Most new students arrive in Manhattan with prior knowledge about the kinds of courses available for them at Kansas State, but many people don't know we have another kind of school in the area. University for Man, located at 1221 Thurston, just east of the campus, offers over 1,000 courses a year in subjects ranging from bird-watching to beer-making and from fighting fair to how to fix your bike.

There are no grades, no age limits, minimal costs and much

to gain from this alternative educational organization. Any one wanting to learn (or even teach a course) is welcome.

The Manhattan-KSU University for Man (UFM) has been cited as a model "Free University" by Alvin Toffler in Learning for Tomorrow, the Center for Curriculum Design in Somewhere Else, and even in the New Yorker magazine.

Fall courses are already underway but new listings come out five times a year.



The Black Student Union, Puerto Rican Student Organization and Mexican American Council of Students combined efforts to sponsor the popular Midwest Reggae band, "Blue Riddim" during Hispanic Awareness Week this fall. The group, which regularly plays in the Kansas City area, has been nominated for a Grammy Award.

# STAY ONE STEP AHEAD OF THE CROWD

Educational Supportive Services (ESS) is a retention and academic support program. The program has a history of over ten years of successful academic counseling, tutoring, and teaching study skills to KSU students from all disciplines. Last spring four ESS staff members received training in an exciting new approach to cognitive skill building called *Learning to Learn*.

*Learning to Learn* is a curriculum for teaching higher-order thinking skills. This approach was developed through years of study and testing at the University of Michigan and at Boston College.

Leadership Training provides students with basic leadership theory and practical experience. The focus is on communication and motivation, time management and group work.

For more information, please call the Office of Admissions at 1-800-432-8270 (toll-free in Kansas) or 913/532-6250.



## SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

A number of Kansas State University ethnic minority students received Academic Achievement and Leadership Award scholarships through the auspices of the Office of Minority Affairs and Special Programs this fall. Awards ranged from \$300 to \$600. The students are:

Josie Bernal, daughter of J. Bernal, freshman in fine arts from Shawnee, KS; Stacey Campbell, son of Ethel Campbell, junior in agriculture journalism from Atchison, KS; Robert Ketchum, son of Annie Cawley, junior in music education from Junction City, KS; Allison Key, daughter of John and Barbara Key, senior in accounting from Olathe, KS; William Martin, senior in sociology from Manhattan; Daniel Otero, son of Cristobal Otero, sophomore in microbiology from Rio Piedra Hts., Puerto Rico; Lawrence

Escalada, senior in secondary education from Garden City, KS; Daniel Howard, junior in business administration from Manhattan, KS; Francesca Royster, junior in english from Chicago, IL; Sharri Taliaferro, daughter of Adoria Taliaferro, senior in elementary education from Kansas City, KS; Ron Hopkins, son of Viola Hopkins, freshman in music from Kansas City, KS; Diedre Allen, daughter of Cleophus and Eula Allen, freshman in psychology from Salina, KS; Maria Brown, junior in business administration from Manhattan; Lisa Castillo, daughter of S. L. Castillo, freshman in architectural engineering from Overland

Park, KS; Brenda Gardner, daughter of Willie Gardner, freshman in business administration from Junction City, KS; Daniel Granon, son of A. N. Granon, freshman in pre-vet medicine from Wichita, KS; Edgar Kevin James, son of Delores James, freshman in psychology from Lincoln, NE; Aribel Lynn, freshman in secondary education from Junction City, KS; John Shunatona, freshman in business administration from Wichita, KS; Randall Hudlin, son of Calvin M. Hudlin, freshman in business administration from Kansas City, KS; Curtis Bazemore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Bazemore, senior in pre-med from Topeka, KS; Maria Berdasco, daughter of Joaquin Berdasco, senior in biology from Rio Piedras, PR; Dolores Bernal, daughter of J. Bernal, senior in management from Shawnee, KS; Uzziel Pecina, son of Antonia C. Pecina, freshman in electrical engineering from Kansas City, MO; and Jonathan Walls, son of Rose E. Hammond, freshman in music from Junction City, KS.

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## Washburn Law School Reps. To Visit KSU Pre-Law Club

At their meeting on November 11 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 207 the Union, the KSU Prelaw Club will feature Professor Ronald Griffin of the Washburn University School of Law. Professor Griffin holds an LL.M. degree from the University of Virginia, a J.D. from Howard University and a bachelor's degree from Hampton Institute. He has previously taught at the University of Oregon Law School and taught during the 1981-82 academic year as a Visiting Professor at Notre Dame University. He has taught at Washburn since 1978. He directed the Council on Legal

Education Opportunity summer institutes at Washburn in 1982 and 1983. Professor Griffin is teaching Contracts and Consumer Protection this semester. He has been honored as an outstanding black educator and has been active in minority recruitment into the legal profession.

Brad Bromich, Craig West, and Steven Angermayer, KSU graduates, currently enrolled in the Law School at Washburn and Director of Admissions, Dottie Harder, will accompany Professor Griffin and will answer student questions. (Washburn University)

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*Every gun that is made,  
 every warship launched,  
 every rocket fired,  
 signifies, in the final sense,  
 a theft from those  
 who hunger  
 and are not fed,  
 those who are cold  
 and are not  
 clothed.*

Dwight D. Eisenhower

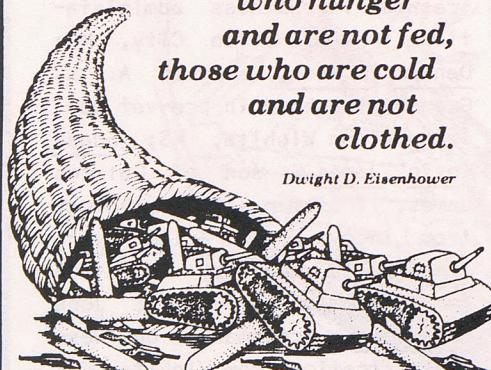


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*Have a Peaceful  
Thanksgiving*

The Eisenhower quote continues:  
 "This world in arms is not spending money alone; it is spending the sweat of its laborers, the genius of its scientists, the hopes of its children."

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